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Re: U. S. Patent Application -- Request for Refund/Credit of Fees Paid and Notice  
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Regarding:

**Petition to Accept Application Due To Inventor  
Refusing to Join Pursuant to 37. C.F.R.  
§1.47(a) & Response to Missing Parts**

Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING SUBSIDIARY CARD ACCOUNT
Inventor(s):	Marc Benkert et al.
U.S. Serial No.:	10/600,483
Filing Date:	June 19, 2003
Our Docket No.:	60655.1100

Dear Sir/Madam:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation my secretary had today with a Ms. Robinson in the Initial Patent Examination Division of your office. The items detailed below were discussed with Ms. Robinson and it is at her suggestion that we are writing to your office directly.

On February 25, 2004 this office sent a mailing to you, first class containing the following documents: a Petition to Accept Application Due to Inventor Refusing to Join Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a); a Statement Regarding Non-Signing Inventor Grace Park; and a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts. In connection with these we authorized you to charge Snell & Wilmer's deposit account, No. 19-2814, for certain fees namely, \$1,480 for the extension of time to file a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed to this office on August 27, 2003, a late fee for the filing of the Declaration of \$130 and finally a filing fee for the Petition also in the amount of \$130.

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The second issue with the February 25<sup>th</sup> filing from this office concerns a typographical error that occurs in both the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and the Petition. Note that in the headings of both documents, two digits in the Serial No. of this patent application are transposed. The **correct** Serial No. is: 10/600,483. On the two documents noted above, however, the Serial No. read 10/600,843. Unfortunately, the incorrect version appeared on the first document in our filing and was used by us to complete the acknowledgement postcard we provided to return to us. In addition, being on the top as it were, that number was apparently picked up by the USPTO in attempting to charge Snell & Wilmer's account. We do ask that you rescind those charges and correct the serial number. We do wish to emphasize that the three places mentioned above are the only places where the transposed digits appear.

At the suggestion of Ms. Robinson, we are sending you herewith, substitute originals of the affected documents to replace the ones currently in your file. We are also enclosing a duplicate copy of this letter to facilitate the necessary corrections.

If you have any questions, please contact me. We thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in dealing with this matter and apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Sincerely,

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